

Encroachments in Delhi

238. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi, the Capital region of the country is turning into a huge dustbin day by day and its roads and footpaths are being used commercially after fearlessly encroaching the same; and

(b) if so, region-wise, road-wise and footpath-wise comprehensive details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Public Works Department, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the New Delhi Municipal Council and the Delhi Cantonment Board, which are maintaining the roads in Delhi, have informed that no permanent encroachment exist on roads/footpaths in their jurisdiction. However, temporary encroachments on roads and footpaths, as and when found to occur, are removed promptly.

Creation of infrastructure for the Commonwealth Games

239. SHRI C. PERUMAL:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with funds earmarked for creating the necessary infrastructure and facilities for conducting the games;

(c) whether a system has been put in place for selecting the best athletes/sportsperson to represent the country purely on merit basis and imparting rigorous training to them so that India's ranking in the sports field goes up in comparison to the country's performance during the previous Olympics and other International games; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The XIX Commonwealth Games are scheduled to be held at Delhi from the 3rd to the 14th October, 2010. It is expected that around 8000 athletes in seventeen disciplines from 71 countries would participate in the Games. A list of the venues for each discipline, along with the agencies responsible for establishing the required infrastructure, is given in the Statement-I (See below). The Games Village will be established by the Delhi Development Authority.

The budgetary proposals of the implementing agencies have been approved (broad details enclosed at Statement-II (See below) and action is underway for the finalization of detailed designs and estimates etc. It is expected that the work on the various venues will commence in the middle of 2007 and be completed by the end of 2009.

(c) and (d) The selection of sportspersons for such events is done by the National Sports Federation (NSFs) concerned through a selection committee, and the teams/contingents are finalized in consultation with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), NSFs and the Sports Authority of India (SAI). The selections are generally conducted a few months before the event concerned and similar action will be taken in the context of the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Specifically with reference to the preparation of teams for the Commonwealth Games, 2010, detailed discussions with various stakeholders viz. IOA, NSFs and SAI are underway with a view to enhancing the performance levels and medal prospects in the Games.

Statement-I

Sports venues for competition for Commonwealth Games, 2010

Sl. No.	Disciplines	Venue	Status	Agency
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Athletics	J.N. Stadium	Existing	SAI
2.	Lawn Bowls	J.N. Sports Complex	New Outdoor Greens	SAI
3.	Weightlifting	J.N. Sports Complex	New Indoor Auditorium	SAI

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Hockey	Maj. Dhyan Chand National Stadium	Existing	SAI
5.	Cycling	Velodrome, I.G. Sports Complex	Existing	SAI
6.	Gymnastics	I.G. Indoor Stadium	Existing	SAI
7.	Wrestling	I.G. Sports Complex	New Indoor Stadium	SAI
8.	Shooting	Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range 1000 yards Range at Manesar (about 60 Km from Games Village)	Existing	SAI
9.	Netball	Tyagaraj Sports Complex	New Indoor Stadium	Government of NCT of Delhi
10.	Boxing	Talkatora Indoor Stadium	Existing	N D M C
11.	Badminton	Siri Fort Sports Complex	New Indoor Stadium	DDA
12.	Squash	Siri Fort Sports Complex	New Indoor Stadium	DDA
13.	Table Tennis	Yamuna Sports Complex	New Indoor Stadium	DDA
14.	Rugby*	Delhi University/DDA	New Outdoor Greens	DU
15.	Aquatics	Delhi University Polo Ground	New Aquatic Complex	DU
16.	Archery	I.G. Sports Complex	Existing	SAI
17.	Tennis	R.K. Khanna Tennis Complex	Existing	AITA

*To be finalized.

Statement II

The total estimated cost for the Commonwealth Games

1. The Expenditure Finance Committee has considered the budget proposals of the Organizing Committee of the Commonwealth Games

(OC) for the conduct of the Games, Sports Authority of India for upgradation/renovation of SAI Stadia and Delhi Development Authority for Games Village and venue infrastructure and recommended as follows:—

- A revenue neutral budget of Rs. 767 crores for conduct of the Games by OC with a flexibility upto 15% within which revised estimates, if any, could be approved by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
 - A budget of Rs. 1000 crores for SAI venue infrastructure with scope of variation of upto 10%.
 - A budget of Rs. 325 crores for Games Village by DDA with scope of variation upto 20% in the tendered cost.
2. The proposal of the Government of NCT of Delhi for Rs. 770 crores for works related to upgradation of civic infrastructure and the sports infrastructure assigned to Government of NCT of Delhi and NDMC have been approved in principle by the Planning Commission.

Waning of sportsman spirit

†240. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sportsman spirit is on the wane in various sports including cricket in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to improve it?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir, not to the best of our knowledge.

(b) Does not arise.

Project proposals from the Andhra Pradesh Government

241. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project proposals received by the Ministry during the

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